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Application No. 09/464,685

Examiner

Office Action Summary

Group Art Unit 1635 Andrew Wang

Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 13, 2000 ☐ This action is **FINAL**. ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire ______1 ___ month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Disposition of Claims is/are pending in the application. X Claim(s) 60-85 Of the above, claim(s) ______ is/are withdrawn from consideration. is/are allowed. Claim(s) Claim(s) is/are rejected. is/are objected to. Claim(s) Application Papers ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ______ is/are objected to by the Examiner. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on ______ is ☐approved ☐disapproved. ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner. The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received. received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). *Certified copies not received: ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). Attachment(s) ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892 Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152 --- SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ---

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 60-66, 71, 72, and 78, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, host cells, and a method of recombinantly producing a polypeptide, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, for instance.
 - II. Claims 67-69 and 85, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
 - III. Claims 70, 75, 79, 80, and 82, drawn to an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 387.1.
 - IV. Claims 73, 74, and 81, drawn to an assay method using an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
 - V. Claims 76, 77, 83, and 84, drawn to a nucleic acid hybridization assay, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

 Inventions I, V and II-IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are
 not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different
 functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different

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inventions are unrelated since nucleic acids are comprised are materially different substituents than peptides and antibodies.

- Inventions II and III-IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are unrelated since antibodies are used in materially different methods such as protein inhibition.
- 4. Inventions I and V are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the nucleic acids can be used to materially different methods such as recombinant protein production.
- 5. Inventions III and IV are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP

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§ 806.05(h)). In the instant case the antibodies can be used in materially different methods such

as immunotherapy.

6. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a

separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for

examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an

election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37

CFR 1.143).

7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the

inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently

named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any

amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the

fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Wang whose telephone number is (703) 306-3217. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Elliott, can be reached on (703) 308-4003. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Andrew Wang April 27, 2000 Andrew Wang

Patent Examiner

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